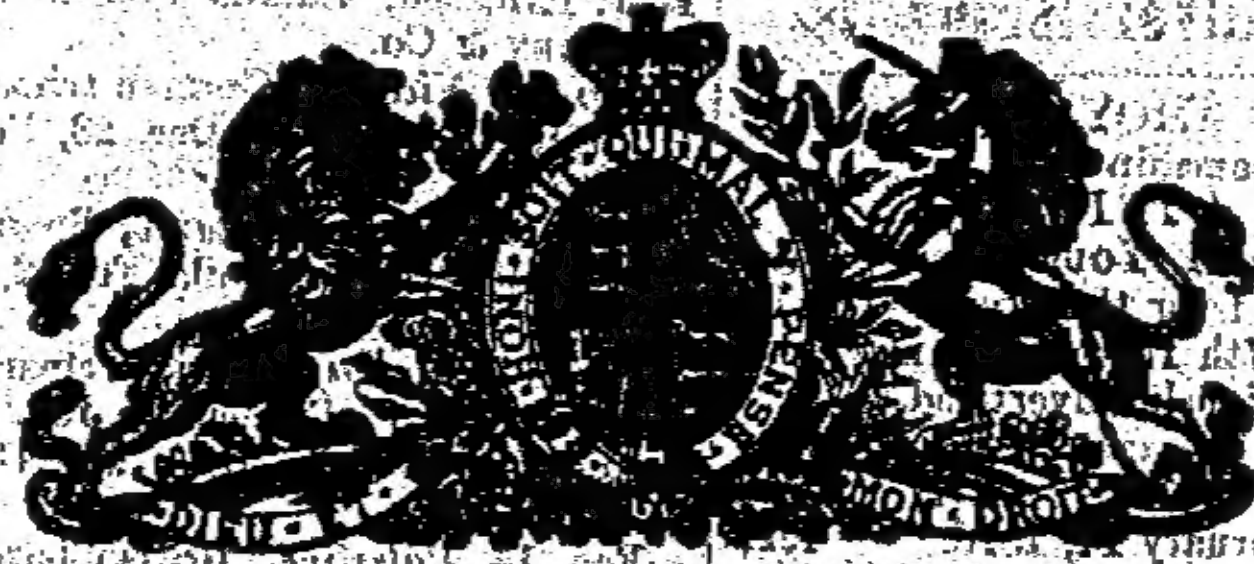


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## Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman.—E. D. SAMPSON, Esq.  
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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER.  
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 months, 3 per cent. " "  
" 12 months, 4 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

For Sale.  
LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.  
HAVE FOR SALE.  
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
AMERICAN COOKING & FLOUR  
STOVES.

TENDERS and FIRE IRONS.  
Superior California LAMBSWOOL  
BLANKETS.  
FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb. to 2,500 lb.  
BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CARPETS, various patterns.  
VELVET and TAPESTRY SOFA CARPETS and RUGS.  
DOOR MATS.  
HORSE BLANKETS.  
Central and Pin-fire CARTRIDGE CASES.  
GUN-WADS, PERCUSSION CAPS.  
STATIONERY, of every description.  
BOOKS.  
WORKS OF REFERENCE.  
NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS.  
SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

French APPLES, and LEMONS.  
SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.  
MACKEREL, TONGUES & SOUNDS.  
Family PIG PORK, and Prime Mess BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each.  
CAVIARE, GARDELLLES, and Spiced ANCHOVIES.  
Prime American BACON and HAMS.  
Cutting's JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.  
GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL, RYE MEAL, &c., &c.  
Canned Dessert FRUITS.  
Compressed CORNED BEEF, and BEEF TONGUES.  
PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to suit Purchasers.  
CROOK & BLACKWELL'S OIL MANS' STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies received by every Steamer.  
OLIVET in Cask, (BANDON), Superior Quality.  
BARCLAY PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogsheads and Kilderkins.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, in Pints and Quarts.  
BASS' PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and SANDERS, in Pints and Quarts.  
&c., &c., &c.  
Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

## COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, at Godown.  
Apply to BATTLES & Co.  
Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

## Auctions.

### GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on  
**FRIDAY,**  
the 15th February, 1878, at Noon.—Morton's Pickles, Sauces, Salad Oil, Mustard, Vinegar, Table Salt, Raisins, Cheese, &c., &c.  
Table Knives, Pen Knives, Penholders, Pens, Paper Binders, Letter Clips, Sealing Wax, Blotting Paper, &c., &c.  
18 bolts Merchant Navy Canvas, No. 1 to 4.  
50 dozen Out Glass Tumblers.  
Garden Candlesticks, Flower Vases, Salt Cellars, Fruit Stands, &c., &c.  
Also,  
(Of the finest Paris Manufacture, new and very handsome.)  
8 Gilt Curtain Poles and Cornices.  
10 Mahogany do. do.  
30 Paris Muslin Window Curtains.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.  
Hongkong, February 12, 1878. fe15

### FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed by Lieut.-Col. SHERVINTON, A.C.G., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence "Craigielach," on  
**MONDAY,**  
the 18th February, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m.—  
The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing-room Chairs, Couches, Mirrors, Side Tables, Pictures, Whatnots, Lamps, &c. Dining Table and Chairs, Sideboards, Crockery, Glass-ware and Electro-plated Ware, &c. Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Toilet Glasses, Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c., &c.  
Also,  
A Semi-grand PIANO, by COLLARD and COLLARD.  
A collection of Choice Plants in Pots, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Sedan Chairs, A Dog Cart, with Hickory Wheels, Lamps, &c. &c., &c.  
Catalogues will be issued.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.  
Hongkong, February 9, 1878. fe18

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,  
On a Date hereafter to be named.  
The British Barque  
"ALPHINGTON,"  
of 326 Tons Register, or about 8,000 piculs Carrying Capacity, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL and INVENTORY.  
The Vessel was Built under Lloyd's special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in 1856, Classed 12 years A. 1. at Lloyd's and continued in 1868 A. 1. for 8 years. She was Remodeled over Felt in London in July, 1875.  
TERMS.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon Transfer being effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's risk immediately after fall of hammer.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1877.

## Intimations.

NOTICE.  
IF the Small Cutter "GEM," left in charge of the Steward of the VICTORIA REGISTRATION CRUISE in April or May, 1874, is not taken away by the Owner in one week from this date, it will be sold to defray expenses, &c.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1878. fe15

### THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.  
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.  
SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.  
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.  
**PRINCIPAL OFFICE,**  
120, Broadway, New York.

Assets \$31,700,000  
Surplus \$5,500,000  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.  
For full information and particulars, apply to  
OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

## Intimations.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.  
NEWS AGENTS.  
AUCTIONEERS.

Agents for  
THE LONDON AND CHINA EXPRESS.  
THE OVERLAND MAIL.  
THE HOME NEWS.

General Commission Agents.  
Commissions and Orders from the Coast and Out-ports attended to with care and promptness.

Hongkong, February 9, 1878.

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 38, Queen's Road, Victoria, at Half-past 2 o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 15th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1877.  
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th February, both days inclusive.  
By Order,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 18, 1878. fe16

### HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3% or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after MONDAY, the 28th Instant.  
Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 25, 1878.

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on MONDAY, the 18th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1877, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers,  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.  
Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.  
THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th February next, both days included.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers,  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.  
Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.  
A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1878, is posted at the Supreme Court House for inspection.  
Notice of any Inaccuracies, Omissions, Objections, &c., must be given to the Registrar of the Supreme Court on or before FRIDAY, the 15th day of February, A.D. 1878, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.  
It is further notified, that no person whose name is on the List as a Juror will be excused from Service on the ground of any exemption to which he may be entitled, or on the ground of any want of qualification, unless such exemption shall have been claimed and established, or such want of qualification shall have been duly proved, at or before the time above specified.  
O. B. PLUNKET, Registrar.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

### DEVOS'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!  
DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAXIMS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOS'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOS MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.  
THE DEVOS MANUFACTURING CO.,  
80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,  
NEW YORK, U. S. A.

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW will be held in the Public Gardens on FRIDAY, the 22nd, and SATURDAY, the 23rd February.  
ADMISSION.  
First Day..... ONE DOLLAR.  
Second Day..... FIFTY CENTS.  
Payment at the Gates, or Tickets may be had of MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Any information required by intending Exhibitors can be obtained by applying to  
W. M. B. ARTHUR,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 7, 1878. fe28

### THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.  
By Order of the Directors,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.  
Hongkong, September 18, 1877. apl

### DR. W. C. EASTLAKE, DENTIST.

can be Consulted at his Rooms, No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, daily from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1878. me3

### DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.  
Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

### KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS.

Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr ANYON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr FAT JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

### G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.  
46, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fe20

### W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.  
Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.  
PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

### SHIP'S COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.  
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

FOR MANILA.  
The British Steamship "ESMERALDA,"  
Cullen, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, February 11, 1878. fe16

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).  
The Steamship "SUN NANSING" will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 19th Instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1878. fe18

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.  
The Eastern and Australian Steam Co.'s Steamer "NORMANDY" will be despatched at above on or about the 20th Instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1878.

FOR MANILA.  
The British Steamship "ESMERALDA,"  
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

MONTHLY SERVICE.  
TO PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, FIJI AND NEW CALEDONIA.

The Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Steamer "BERTHA,"  
E. G. LANGLEY, Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fe28

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
The German Steamship "GALATHEA,"  
Böhme, Master, will be despatched as above towards the end of February, 1878.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
WM. PURTAU & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1878. fe28

FOR MANILA.  
The Spanish Steamship "BUTLAN,"  
J. M. V. SHAW, Master, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
J. M. V. SHAW, Agent.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. me3

### Sailing Vessels.

FOR VICTORIA (V. L.).  
The A. 1. American 8-m. Schooner "MIGNON,"  
Capt. SOUL, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will have immediate despatch as above.  
For Freight, apply to  
ROZARIO & Co.  
Hongkong, February 9, 1878. fe28

FOR LONDON.  
The 100 A. 1. British Ship "BROOMHALL,"  
H. BATE, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 7, 1878.

FOR LONDON.  
(To follow the Broomhall).  
The A. 1. British Bark "FALCON,"  
DAVID BARRY, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

FOR LONDON.  
The A. 1. American Ship "ALICE M. MINOT,"  
WHITMORE, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1878. fe28

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).  
The A. 1. British Ship "OILY OF HALLEAX,"  
EVANS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The A. 1. American Bark "B. F. WATSON,"  
HAWKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.  
The A. 1. German Bark "NIAGARA,"  
WISHTHUSEN, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).  
The A. 1. British Bark "LADY BOWEN,"  
FOX, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.  
The A. 1. British Bark "ANTIPODES,"  
Captain WREN, will load here as above.  
For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 25, 1878.



## Intimations.

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1865.

CAPITAL \$600,000, IN 6,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH (FULLY PAID UP).

Consulting Committee.  
W. H. FORBES, Esq., W. REINERS, Esq.,  
F. D. SARNOON, Esq., LAY YUK SUN (of the  
E. R. BRILLIANT, Esq., YOW-LOONG HONG).Manager,  
H. DICKIE, Esq.General Agents,  
Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.BANKERS,  
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.Solicitor,  
Wm. H. BRECKEN, Esq.

THIS Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the present Proprietors the PROPERTY, INTEREST, and GOODWILL of the CHINA SUGAR REFINERY at East Point, which for the past five years has been managed under the direction of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON and COMPANY, comprising the LAND and BUILDINGS occupied by the Refinery, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, and STOCK-IN-TRADE therein, and of carrying on the Business of a Sugar Refinery in all its branches, for which complete facilities are now afforded not only in the Ground and Premises, Plant and Machinery referred to, but in the valuable Business and Connection possessed by the present Owners.

The above-mentioned Premises comprise, firstly, that PRISON or PARCEL of GROUND, in Hongkong, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 231, with the MESSENGERS and BUILDINGS thereon, known as the Mint Premises; and those adjoining PRISON of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lots Nos. 470, 471, 554, 555, and 743, with the MESSENGERS and BUILDINGS thereon, adjoining the said Marine Lot, portions of the premises occupied by the China Sugar Refinery or belonging thereto, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, ENGINES, BOILERS, VACUUM PANS, FURNITURE, FITTINGS, and APPURTENANCES therein, now used by the China Sugar Refinery; secondly, that PRISON of PARCEL of GROUND in Hongkong aforesaid, with the MESSENGERS and BUILDINGS thereon, registered in the Land Office as Section A of Marine Lot No. 52, with the MESSENGERS and BUILDINGS thereon, being the remainder of the Premises comprising the said Refinery; and, thirdly, the STOCK-IN-TRADE, EXTRA PLANT, MACHINERY, GOODS, and CHATTELS, which are or will be in and about the said Premises and belonging to the Owners on the 25th day of February next. All the described Premises have been agreed to be sold to the Company by contract in writing dated the 25th day of January, 1878, made between the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION of the first part, Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., of the second part, and the above-named Committee for and on behalf of the Company of the third part; whereby it was agreed that without any further sanction or confirmation of or by the Company or the Shareholders, the Premises firstly and secondly mentioned should be absolutely made over to the Company for the aggregate sum of \$425,000, made up as follows:—

For the Premises, firstly mentioned, the sum of \$300,000 to be paid to the first-mentioned party; for the Premises secondly mentioned, the sum of \$125,000 to be paid to the second-mentioned party. And as to the thirdly named Premises, the price payable for the same to the first-named party, to be ascertained by a valuation to be made on the 25th day of February inst., the value thereof being now roughly estimated at \$100,000.

Mr. DICKIE, under whose able management the Works have been placed in their present efficient state, has offered his services to the Company as Manager, which have been accepted. Although it has been in contemplation for some years past to transfer the Property and Business of the present Proprietors to a Public Company, it was not thought prudent to do so until by such an experience of the working of the Company, as has been gained during the last three years, its future success should be assured.

The present Proprietors are prepared to hand over the Property and Business to the Company in a state of complete efficiency on the first of March next, and arrangements are being made to commence full work on that date.

The Business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., as General Agents, assisted by a Consulting Committee.

It is intended that the whole of the Capital shall be called up as follows:—

\$25 per Share on allotment, or within 10 days thereafter.

\$75 per Share on 1st day of March, 1878, or within 10 days thereafter.

All Calls unpaid after these dates shall bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum.

The surplus Capital after payment of the Purchase Money of the Property as above-mentioned, estimated at about \$75,000, will be available for working the Business of the Company.

One half of the Shares have already been subscribed; the remainder are offered to the public. Applications for Shares, which should be in the annexed Form, will be received by the General Agents, up to the 25th day of February, 1878.

HONGKONG, 1st February, 1878.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES ABOVE

Subscribed to.

HONGKONG, 1st day of 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

To Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents, hereby request

that you will allot to \_\_\_\_\_ Shares in

the above Company, and agree to

accept such Shares of any lot number you

may allot to \_\_\_\_\_ and agree to

pay the first Call of Dollars Twenty-five

per Share, within ten days after allotment,

and also the subsequent Call of \$75, and

to subscribe the Articles of Association

whenever required to do so.

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Blank Forms of Application for Shares

may be had at the Office of the General

Agents.

## Intimations.

## AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

by appointment, to  
H. H. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;  
and to  
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ARTHUR CLUB,

HAS on hand the Largest and Best

collection of Views of China, Pho-

tographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &amp;c., of

various sizes. Ex S. S. Type, Revolving

Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms

and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather

Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and

Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits

only, Portraits of the Generals of the pre-

sented Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British

Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors,

in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes

Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

## ESTATE OF DODD &amp; Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th

Instant at Messrs DODD &amp; Co.'s

OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS

were carried:—

1. That the affairs of the said DODD

&amp; Co. shall be Liquidated by arrangement,

and not in Bankruptcy.

2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he

is hereby appointed Trustee.

3. That E. ABERNETHY and EDMUND

PYLE be, and they are hereby appointed a

Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the

Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the

order of the Undersigned.

F. CHOMLEY,

Trustee for the Estate of

DODD &amp; Co.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

## DODD &amp; Co.'s ESTATE.

FIRST DIVIDEND OF TWENTY

Per Cent. will be paid at Amoy on

the 20th Instant, at the Office of the Agents

of the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AU-

STRALIA &amp; CHINA.

DEBTS not Proved before the 15th

Instant will be excluded from the Divi-

dend.

FRANCIS CHOMLEY,

Trustee.

Amoy, 5th Feb., 1878.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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AMERICAN SHIP COMET, FROM

SAN FRANCISCO.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-

named Vessel are requested to send in

their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned

for countersignature, and to take immediate

delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the

Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. LOMBARDY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-

named Vessel, from Bombay and Inter-

mediate Ports, and in connection with the

Steamer HYDRAUS from London, and

HYDRAUS from Calcutta, are hereby

informed that their Goods are being land-

ed and stored at their risk in the Company's

Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery

can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 19th Instant

will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 12, 1878.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH BARQUE HARKAWAY,

FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-

named Vessel are hereby requested to

send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned

for countersignature, and to take im-

mediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the

Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

RUSSELL &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 13, 1878.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

## MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo

are requested to send in their Bills of

Lading to the Undersigned for counter-

signature, and take immediate delivery.

This Cargo has been landed and stored at

their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DE POUEY,

Agent.

Ex "Ara."

26 Mr. A. Marty, 11 pieces Wood, } from

8 cases Shells, } Saigon.

27 (in diamond) No. 177/8 Order, } from

9 cases Hair, } London.

28 (in heart) No. 824/75 Order, } from

60 cases Yarn, } London.

29 No. 1/5 Mr. C. S. Baden, } from

8 cases Wine, } Marseilles.

30 No. 16 Mr. H. G. Glott, } from

1 box Music, } Marseilles.

Hongkong, February 13, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## WANTED.

TO RENT from the 1st of March for

a month or two, a FURNISHED

HOUSE on the Hill, if possible with

Garden.

Address: "Furnished House," care of

Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCOW.

The Steamship

"TAIWAN,"

Captain M. YOUNG, will be de-

parted for the above Ports on

SUNDAY, the 17th Instant, at Daylight,

instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFLAIX &amp; Co.,

Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE BRITISH BARK GLOBE,

FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-

named Vessel are requested to send in

their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned

for countersignature, and to take im-

mediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the

Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

MEYER &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

## FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenroy having arrived from

the above Ports, Consignees of

Cargo are informed that their Goods are

being landed at their risk into the Godowns

of the Undersigned, whence and/or from

the Wharf or Boats delivery may be ob-

tained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to

Shanghai, unless notice be given before

Noon To-morrow.

Goods remaining undelivered after the

21st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING

## CORPORATION.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-

year ending 31st December last, at the

rate of (21 s.) ONE POUND STERLING

per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and

after FRIDAY, the 15th Current, at the

Office of the Corporation, where Share-

holders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

THOMAS JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 19th February, 1878, at 2 o'clock

p.m., at the Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

An Invoice of CHINESE and

JAPANESE WARE, comprising:

Bronzes, Porcelain Vases and Cups, Tea

Sets, Ornaments, Lacquered Cabinets,

Boxes, Plates and Stands, Tortoise-shell

Ware, Ivory Inlaid Cabinets, Inlaid

Handkerchief Boxes, &amp;c.

Assorted Silk Handkerchiefs, Em-

broided Caps and Cushions, Crapes

Shawls and Scarves, Black and Coloured

Silk, &amp;c. &amp;c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery

in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of

description, at purchaser's risk on the fall

of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

## STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,

Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,

Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean

Ports, Southampton,

and London,

Also,

Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and

Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship

INDUS, Captain S. D. SHALLOO, will leave

this on THURSDAY, the 28th February,

at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London, will

be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-

ment, arriving one week later than by the

direct route. Silk and Valuable will be

transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to

A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 14, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for any

Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew

of the following Vessels, during their stay

in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain

Barnaby.—Captain.

TARTAN, German brig, Captain Kaesman.

—Melchers &amp; Co.

MARIE, German barque, Captain Han-



hama from General T. B. Van Buren, announces that he will leave San Francisco for Hongkong, and to the community may look forward to the pleasure of seeing him some time next month.

The whole of the amount subscribed as a reward for the apprehension of the murderers of the late William Boorn, making, with H. M. Government's contribution of \$100, more than \$800 at the present moment at the disposal of the British Consul, will be paid to those giving such information as will lead to conviction. We mention this, as the subscription list has reached a figure higher than was anticipated, and as the posters placed about the town state the reward payable at \$800 only.

#### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Report of the Board of Directors of the above Company to the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, to be held at the Office of the Company, on Monday, the 18th February:—

To the Shareholders of The Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.  
Gentlemen:—The Directors have now to submit to you their Report with a Statement of Accounts for the half year ending the 31st December last.

During that period the Docks have again received very satisfactory support, and a fair profit has been realised.

The total receipts for the half year amount to \$187,787.88, and the net profit to \$38,642.33 to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account, \$14,706.85

making available \$53,349.68 from which has to be deducted:—

Bonus to Contributing Shareholders, 2,000.00  
Directors' fees, 2,000.00  
Auditors' fees, 250.00

4,750.00  
\$48,599.68

The Directors recommend that \$20,000 be paid to the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, and a dividend of 2 per cent, amounting to \$20,000, to the Shareholders, thus leaving a balance of \$9,599.68 to be carried forward to new account.

The Chinese Government has paid the sum of \$40,000, being the balance of purchase money of the Whampoa Docks, and this amount, as well as \$25,000 sanctioned at last meeting, has been paid to the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company. The debt now stands at \$20,000, and will be liquidated if the appropriation proposed be sanctioned by the Shareholders.

Directors.—In accordance with Clause 60 of the Company's Articles of Association, Messrs H. Hopkiss and G. B. Emory retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election. Mr A. Lind has been appointed to the vacant seat on the Board caused by the absence of Mr Melver; this appointment will have to be confirmed at this meeting.

Auditors.—Messrs J. Robinson and T. G. Linstead, the retiring Auditors, are recommended by the Board for re-election.  
H. HOPKISS, Chairman.

#### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ordinary yearly meeting of the shareholders in the above Corporation was held at the City Hall this afternoon (Feb. 14th), under the presidency of Mr Hopkiss, the Chairman. Among the shareholders present were the Hon. C. May, Hon. P. Ryrie, Messrs F. D. Sassoon, E. R. Bell, W. H. Forbes, Wm. Reimers, Adam Lind, H. L. Dalrymple, T. Jackson, L. Mendel, E. Sassoon, C. T. Harton, G. H. Barnard, H. Smith, W. M. Morgan, J. F. Mardfield, C. P. Chater, H. N. Mody, R. W. Tucker, Mehta, D. Munchejee, J. T. Chater, A. Newton, S. Cope, F. Grobner, B. Just, T. G. Glover, H. L. Denny, R. Deacon, P. Rhodes, John Robinson, W. K. Hughes, D. MacDonnell, J. A. Blogg, and others.

Mr JACKSON, the Chief Manager, read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN, having read the Report of the Directors, said:—Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I come before you to-day with such a favorable Report as the one that you have now in your hands. Not only have the profits during the past six months been satisfactory, but the Bank has made material progress in every branch of its business (applause), and I think I may safely say that at no period of its existence has it stood higher in credit, and public estimation than it does at the present time. (Applause.) The results of the past two years make the Directors hopeful for the future, and it is no small satisfaction to them to know that those friends who have stood by the Bank in less propitious times are now reaping their reward in the enhanced value of their property. (Applause.) The prosperity of the Bank is mainly due to the large business given to it by the shareholders, a fact we fully appreciate, and I hope that such happy relations between the Bank and its shareholders will in the future be considerably extended to their mutual benefit. The Directors are very much pleased to see the Reserve Fund once more standing at a million of dollars. (Applause.) The experience of the past has taught us the value of having a solid Reserve to lean upon in bad times, and I am sure that the shareholders will concur in the wisdom of the course pursued, viz: building up the Reserve before increasing the Dividend. At our last meeting you were informed that the Bank had negotiated a Loan to the Chinese Government; said Loan has been issued to the public with very satisfactory results. You are aware that the Bank had a considerable interest in the Sugar Refinery at East Point, and I am glad to inform you that same has been disposed of to a new company formed by the amount at which the concern stood in our books. In conclusion I shall be glad to answer any questions you may wish to put to me. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN said he had great pleasure in proposing that the Report, as read, be adopted, and the appropriate passed.

Mr MOBY: I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

Carried unanimously.  
The CHAIRMAN: The next business before us is the confirmation of the appointment of certain Directors, and the election of Auditors.

Mr FORBES: I beg to propose the confirmation of the appointment of Messrs A. Lind and H. L. Dalrymple as Directors.

Mr MANDEL: I beg to second the motion. Carried unanimously.

Mr F. D. Sassoon: I have much pleasure in moving that Messrs E. R. Bell and W. H. Forbes, who retire from the Directors in accordance with the Deed of Settlement, be re-elected.

Mr JUST: I have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

Carried unanimously.  
Mr BELL: I have much pleasure in proposing that Mr P. Ryrie and Mr H. B. Gibb be elected as Auditors of the Accounts of this Corporation for the ensuing year.

Mr DAACOR seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN: This is all the business before us, and I thank you for your attendance. The dividend warrants are ready now and will be payable to-morrow.

Mr MAY: Gentlemen.—Before we part this afternoon I think there is a little debt to be paid to those gentlemen who have so ably presided over the interests of this Corporation during the last six months. It is said to be the special privilege of Englishmen to grumble, and their small attendance here to-day shows clearly that there is nothing to grumble at; as it is I need not elevate my voice very loudly to enable the few shareholders present to hear what I have to say. However, I think it would have been more becoming, if, instead of indulging so much in the privilege of absence because there was nothing to grumble at, they should, I think, have favoured us with their presence, and show a little of the thankfulness which is certainly due to the management of this Bank. Few, however, as we are here to-day, we shall be sufficient to indicate very clearly those to whom credit is due. They will receive full credit even from those who are absent, and those who are present will fully agree with me that we cannot say a word too much in praise of those gentlemen. I desire to propose a vote of thanks to the Directors for their able management of the Bank during the past six months, by which very successful results have been achieved. (Applause.) It is clear, Gentlemen, that the capital of the Bank has been increased in extent by more than ten per cent, which is an unprecedented occurrence even with the most fortunate companies. (Applause.) I think also that in addition to the gentlemen who have acted as Directors, a word of praise is due to the managers and officers of the Bank (Applause), and I wish, in these few words, to give them the utmost praise that can be accorded to them for their exertions. (Applause.)

Carried by acclamation.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen; I am very much obliged to Mr May and to you for the compliment paid us, and I can only say that the Board fully endorse the praise that has been bestowed upon the Chief Manager and Officers of the Bank. (Applause.)

Mr JACKSON: In regard to myself and colleagues I beg to thank you most heartily for the honour you have done us. (Applause.)

The meeting then separated.

#### INQUEST.

An inquest was held to-day, at the Government Civil Hospital, on the body of one Chung Yee Mui, before James Russell, Esq., (the Coroner), the following gentlemen comprising a jury: Messrs C. D. Bottomley, C. Katz and A. Johnston. The deceased, who was 28 years of age, was found by the Police dead, and they conveyed the body to the Hospital, as there were evidences of opium poisoning. The evidence of Dr Wherry went to show that such was the case. The deceased was an inmate of the Saloon Home, said the deceased was his wife. She got very angry about the lateness of the evening meal last night, and took opium during his absence; he had done all he could, when he found the state she was in, to make her vomit, but failed.—The jury returned a verdict of death by opium poisoning.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May),  
Feb. 14, 1878.

#### A JILTED SWAIN.

Cheng Awun, a hawker, was charged with forcing his way into the room of a girl named Lai Ai, an inmate of a brothel, against the girl's inclination. The defendant admitted the charge, but said that he had visited the complainant before, and wanted to do so on this occasion. He had no money.—Fined \$1, or 2 days' imprisonment, and to find security in one household, for \$5, to keep the peace for 3 months.

#### LABOUR.

Tee Afuk, a hawker, was committed for trial on a charge of stealing a mosquito curtain from a European goods shop, in the Queen's Road Central. Two previous convictions were proved against him.

#### KAT SHAWING.

Ching Awun, a coolie, was sent to two months' hard labour for smothering a cat from the head of its owner.

#### DRUNKENNESS.

John Stephens, a seaman belonging to the British ship *Thomas Bird*, was fined 50 cents for the above offence.

Thomas Bell, a seaman American ship *A. M. Minott*, was fined 50 cents, and to pay 15 cents amends, for a like offence.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1878.

SIR,—Now that the question as to the ability of the pupils in the Central School to speak English is upon the tapis, I may be allowed to make a few remarks. No one I think will deny the desirability of having more English-speaking Chinese in the Colony, and I was very much interested to read the statement made by the Governor in the Central School that out of 610 boys attending that School, he had been informed by the Head Master that only 50 or 60 were able to speak English and that

imperfectly. That assertion was made in the presence of Mr Stewart, who could and no doubt would have corrected His Excellency if he had not said so, and by his silence, we are justified in drawing the conclusion that it was perfectly true. Now I believe that statement will on enquiry be borne out by facts. That the boys attending the Central School are taught for a certain number of hours each day to read and write English, no one will dispute, but the question—*are they taught to speak English?*—is an interesting question.—Is it that the Chinese boys are taught to speak English? I need scarcely say speaking and writing are two different things. In writing, you take time to strangle your thoughts and to select suitable words to convey your meaning before committing them to paper; but in speaking you are required to express your ideas as they occur to you without hesitation, and to a Chinese youth whose mother tongue is so different from English, the latter task is by far more difficult than the former. Unless therefore the boys at the Central School are taught to converse in English as well as to read and write, it is no wonder that so few can speak that language. I remember an instance where some few years since, a Chinese who had been taught English in that School for 5 or 6 years, was asked by a friend to interpret for him, an English merchant on a matter of business, and when he spoke English it was so unintelligible that the merchant had to send for his compradore who only spoke "pidgin" English to interpret for the English Scholar.

I do not mean in the slightest degree to condemn the Central School, which I believe is an excellent institution. What I wish to impress upon the teaching staff of that establishment is that the art of speaking English should form part of the instruction given therein. As to the modus operandi for attaining that end, I have a good deal to say from my own experience, but I reserve it for some other time.

Yours faithfully,

ONE WHO HAS BEEN TAUGHT ENGLISH.

[The ignorance which seems to prevail concerning the amount of real work done in the Central School is most astonishing; and did we not know the reputation for fairness possessed by our correspondent, we should be apt to class his letter with the efforts of the blind parliament whose mistakes and apologies have recently been laid before the public. His letter would have been useful had he taken the trouble to learn the truth before writing it. The truth is this:—The scholars are taught to speak English, and viva voce examinations are held at intervals, during the four hours daily devoted to English in the Central School. The masters are more over, forbidden to use Chinese during those hours, unless they find that the class is hopelessly puzzled.—Ed. C. M.]

#### FROM THE COURSE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Monday Morning.

SIR,—I reached the Obelisk just before daylight this morning, and looking westward two gigantic figures loomed in the distance, but the fog lifting showed me two "sports" winding their tortuous way to the race-course. The taller man was mounted on a powerful white charger, which seemed scarcely able to carry his great weight; he wore a billy cock hat and his round and massive shoulders betokened great strength, but as he passed me, he had a pained and anxious expression on his face as in deep conversation he looked down on his smaller companion, a bright looking and wiry man, mounted on a beautiful black Arab Pony, and who looking up at his companion with a stern face, and in a voice of thunder, said, "I don't think much of that Ochof of Tea you bought yesterday." Such is life, I thought, as I slowly walked to the Stand and tasted the mutton. On reaching the Stand my attention was called to a miserable production in the morning's bulletin. Evidently the Editor was ashamed of it, or he would not have placed it in an out-of-the-way corner where no one could see it signed "Nunquam Dormo," in which he enquires after "Bones," and fears he has subverted; he also says, "Don't believe Bones's tips," and yet deliberately gives my tip (*Claymore*) not to be beaten) private days before his (*N. D.*) tip appears. He also says *Magniac* backed the pot of Jam to win; now there is no one of the name of *Magniac* in the Colony, surely he cannot mean it as a sneer against our old and respected clerk of the course; I believe he means some maniac and did not know how to spell the word. I sincerely second his suggestion that *Bones* be sent to Devil for any tip he may give, and I have promised to fund the money that he (*N. D.*) may receive a six months' course of study at the Central School, to enable him to improve his neglected education; and I do not let him forget that want of sleep will bring on softening of the brain—a climax to which he is rapidly approaching. "Bones is the only true Prophet." So now to business, to prevent the green ones from throwing away their money at the Sweeps tonight.

W. N. CHONG.—*Said or Deception.*

Colonial:—*Bomperang.*

Ashley:—*Black Sails.*

Derby:—*Princes, White Lily, or Bay Bum.*

Few Chow Cup:—*Egypt.*

Garrison:—*Claymore.*

Valley:—*Black Velvet.*

Blasher:—*Finis.*

Canton:—*Alaudine.*

Now, Mr Editor, I have a grievance. I am the owner of a race horse, I mean a Pony, and I have a great objection to see him timed by a dozen people on the course; it is not the correct thing to do, and I once saw a gentleman warned off the course in India for practising that little amusement. I will now give you the Rule on the subject, and I must own brought to my attention by one of the Stewards, who you see are not so sleepy as they seem to be as to the proper conduct of our races.

"JOCKEY CLUB RULES.—Watching trials. If any person should be detected in watching a trial or shall be proved to have employed any person to watch a trial, he shall be served with a written notice to keep off the heath (course), and if in the employment of any member of the Club or of any groom or rider employed by any member of the Club, he shall be disqualified from his service and again employed."

Where are the Bold One, the Contingent, the Jovial One, the Chief of the Pharos, the Viceroy, the Viceroy (who I was glad to see on the Race-course this morning, looking years younger after his trip home?)

More in a few days.

Yours,

BONES.

#### ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICAN MAIL.

As the P. M. S. *Alaska* left San Francisco on the 3rd January, and we have dates from London to the 4th of the same month, there is little news from Europe. We append a few paragraphs:—

London, January 1st.—A correspondent at Vienna says that Lord Derby has sent a note to Count Andrássy, expressing the hope that, in view of the desire of Europe for peace, other Powers will assist as much as possible England's steps in favor of mediation.

The following is stated to be the text of England's note to Russia: "Her Majesty's Government begs to inform the Emperor that the Porte is ready to open peace negotiations. The Emperor's wisdom and rapidly expressed love of peace justify Her Majesty's Government in the hope that he will lend a favorable ear to the Sultan's request."

It is said that Russia has already replied to England's note that if the Turks desire an armistice they must apply direct to the Russian Commander-in-Chief.

London, Jan. 1.—A Vienna correspondent referring to Russia's reply to the English note concerning the opening of negotiations for peace with Turkey, which reply, as reported last night, is to the effect that Turkey should apply direct to the Russian Commander-in-Chief for the armistice, says: "This intelligence was not altogether unexpected. Ever since the idea of possible mediation was mooted, feelers have been thrown out from Berlin and St. Petersburg, indicating that Russia regarded an armistice as a preliminary step to any pacific overtures, with the additional hint that the Czar would require the cessation of the Danubian fortresses as the preliminary condition of an armistice; but as, owing to the weather, it seems almost impossible for the Russians to think of leading a large army across the Balkans, it may be expected that they will not exact too hard terms for an armistice, but content themselves with Erzerum and one or two fortresses on the Danube."

The *Daily Mail* Gazette, in its leading article, commenting on the reported Russian answer to England's note, says:—It is what most people expected, and it will be marvellous to consider what is likely to follow than to find angry words at what was well foreseen. We may now expect the strongest pressure to be put on Turkey to make peace outright with her foe. We suppose resettlement of the Eastern question by Russia and Turkey is not thought desirable by any Englishman who understands the tenure on which our Empire is held, nor is it conceivable that England with safety can allow the acquisition of the Black Sea ports and the modification of the Asian frontiers to be made while she remains mute.

The *Times*, in its leader, says:—Russia has, by her answer, entered into no controversy with England. The answer is not really addressed to Turkey. To suppose that England should feel inclined to refuse the Czar's proposal has been invited to send a Envoy to the Russian Commander-in-Chief, would be to raise suspicions that our Government has gone out of its way to provoke a quarrel. Yet it would be useless to hide the existence of influences which, if unchecked, would involve us in a quarrel. A section of society, with some advantages of position, is using all its power to array England on the side of Turkey.

London, Jan. 2.—The Earl of Carnarvon to-day received a deputation of South African merchants, who expressed a wish that re-inforcements be sent to the Cape, for fear the colonies may be outnumbered, or, in the event of European complications, left to their own resources. The Earl admitted that the situation at the Cape was such as to cause serious anxiety. Regarding the probability of England becoming involved in the European war, he said he did not think, in spite of the fall of Plevna, that there had been any material change in the situation since Lord Derby's reassuring speech in November. The attitude of the Government, therefore, remained the same—watchful over real British interests, friendly toward other nations, and neutral toward the belligerents. Although the Government was not prepared to bolster up Turkish interests, as such, they were determined to have a voice in the settlement of the question, whenever it came on for settlement. England had not, as supposed, offered to mediate, but had merely conveyed overtures of peace from one belligerent to the other. He wholly disagreed from the idea that Russia's answer to the overtures was any affront or insult to England. Such an idea seemed unreasonable. He thought and he hoped that we should not lose ourselves into nervous apprehension concerning British honor and interests, as our honor had never been impeached throughout these transactions, and although our interests were undoubtedly large, we should carefully discriminate between real and secondary interests. On the other hand, he hoped sincerely that Russia would remember that many questions now arising are not for settlement between the belligerents alone, but will involve European interests. In the final decision of these questions, it was very important that England, as a member of the European family, should have a distinct voice.

[This is the outline of the speech which was censured by Lord Beaconsfield, and which brought about the first resignation by Earl Carnarvon of his post in the Cabinet.—Ed. C. M.]

#### DIARY OF THE WAR.

(Compiled from the Daily Papers.)  
Friday, Dec. 28.—No active operations at the seat of war are reported except those in which the Serbians are concerned. They claim to have had some successes while on the other hand they have been repulsed in two or three places, and their attempt to turn Novi Bazar, and so to gain the Balkans, has been defeated. The campaign is still continued in the Sphrapa Pass. A Russian steamer is reported to have captured a Turkish vessel, having on board a regiment of 700 men, with its officers, in the Adriatic, and to have captured its prize at Sebastopol.

Saturday, Dec. 29.—The advance columns of General Gourko have reached Prot and formed a junction with the Serbians. Henderoth General Gourko is to take the supreme command of the different Serbian corps, to each of which Russian Staff officers have been dispatched. Further particulars have been received of the capture of the Turkish steamer *M. Arina* by the Russian cruiser *Buland*. The number of Turkish soldiers on board was larger than

was first reported, and with the officers and a few women exceeded 800. Besides the troops the captors found themselves in possession also of a large sum of money. The *Messina* was one of four transports under the escort of two Turkish monitors.

Monday, Dec. 31.—Pilot has been taken by the Serbian army. The Serbian despatches say that it is a strongly-fortified place, and that they captured several guns, as well as ammunition and rifles. There was a severe engagement, but the Serbian losses are not yet known. Enthusiasm is said to have been displayed by the inhabitants of the town when the Serbian entry was made. It is telegraphed from Belgrade that the Serbians are continuing their onward march in the direction of Novi Bazar and Bulena. They fortify their positions taken up on the march, but the Turks are sending reinforcements from Salonica. Negotiations have been opened for the surrender of Nisch. Ahmed Mukhtar Pacha, the Commander-in-Chief of the Turks in Asia, has been recalled to Constantinople. An official Russian statement of the losses since the commencement of the war puts the number at 50,435 men. The cargo on board the Turkish transport *Messina*, captured by the Russians, is estimated at Constantinople to be worth \$200,000.

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1878.—At Belgrade it is rumored that the Turkish soldiers have retreated from Sophia, after having burned the town. Nearly all the inhabitants had previously left it. The Turks were reported to be marching towards the Ichtman defile with a view to hinder the Russians from advancing on Tatar-Bazark. The Russians have crossed the Balkans after an exceedingly difficult passage, owing to the severe weather and the depth of the snow. The official report from Bogot, dated last Saturday, mentions that the Russian cavalry was already stationed on the Sophia road, and that the Turks were taken by surprise. The weather throughout Bulgaria is extremely severe, and in the mountainous districts much damage has been done to the roads and bridges. The Montenegrins have recommenced the bombardment of Antivari, the negotiations for its surrender having been broken off owing to the demands made by the Turkish commandant.

Wednesday, Jan. 2.—Serbia maintains her claims that she is conducting the campaign with success. A telegram from Belgrade says that the Turks are avenging themselves for defeat by burning the villages they leave, and massacring the Christian population. A Constantinople telegram says that the Ichtman Pass, near Sophia, has been rendered impregnable. A telegram from Erzerum expresses the belief that the Russians will not make any attack on Erzerum until the end of this month, the time when General Loris Melkoff is expected back from Tiflis. The Russians, however, are advancing towards Balburt, and as the Turks are in great force there a battle is expected.

Thursday, Jan. 3.—The war news to-day is but meagre. A telegram from Bucharest reports that Sophia is invested on most sides, owing to the Russians having occupied the fortified places, which were evacuated by the Turks. General Gourko has arrived within three miles of the town, and a Serbian army from Eket is also in very close proximity. The Turks are reported to be preparing to abandon it. The Montenegrins have been obliged to raise the siege of Soutari, owing to the defection of the Miridite Christians, and the Albanian troops. The Serbians have ordered the imposition of customs duties on all goods imported from Turkey. Jekak, Kourouhoumli, and Leskovatz are reported to have been evacuated by the Turkish troops, after several engagements with greatly superior Serbian forces. Military movements will soon have to be stopped in consequence of the great severity of the weather. The Danube is completely frozen over, and the snow in places is six feet in depth.

#### COMMUNICATION WITH WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Our dates from Western Australia by the French mail yesterday came down only to the 19th December, while the Torres Straits mail, which arrived last Monday, brought news of a week's later date. Our late Governor, Sir Harry Ord, was engaged in making progress throughout the country, acquainting himself with its resources, requirements, and the people. He has expressed himself greatly surprised at the richness and extent of the mineral and other resources of the Colony, and he has won the heart of the Colonists by declaring himself, in spite of the adverse opinion of the Legislature, in favour of railway extension, in order to develop the country, and also for the establishment of steam communication with the neighbouring colonies, the Straits Settlements, and with India. An advertisement appears in the local newspapers from the Colonial Secretary's Office, dated the 26th November, stating that the Government of Western Australia, being anxious to establish a regular steam communication between the Ports of the Colony, the Straits Settlements, and India on the one hand, and Adelaide on the other, will be glad to receive proposals from persons or firms willing to undertake this service. "The service in question," says the *Advertiser*, "is a very comprehensive one, but the Government have \$2,000 in hand paid at their disposal last session, and this, added to the present subsidy paid of \$4,000, will give a total of \$6,000 available for the establishment of the important service proposed. Should this contract be efficiently undertaken and carried out, it will conjointly satisfy the advocates of steam communication with India and those who contended for that with the Eastern colonies. There is only one addition we should like to make, but in our opinion a very important one. It is that Melbourne be included in the route. Adelaide and Melbourne are but a few hours' sail distant, and it would be anything but economy to lose the advantages accruing from visiting that port."

In December last the telegraph line, some 2000 miles long, establishing communication with Adelaide, and by consequence with the rest of the world generally, was completed, and the Colonists are naturally enough jubilant over the completion of this undertaking, which was a very arduous one, and they are now ambitious of having a cable line as well as a land line, encouraged thereby by the general opinion that a duplicate cable connecting Australia with Banjoewangi in Java is a necessity, and that the best terminus for such a cable would be the North West Cape in Western Australia Territory. Upon this point the *Advertiser* quotes with approval the following remarks from the *Sydney Morning Herald*:—

"We have frequently urged that, all

things considered, the most feasible line for a duplicate cable is the one that goes from Port Darwin or North-west Cape. The Eastern Extension Company, in whose hands the line is at present, recommend that if the line between Banjoewangi and Australia is duplicated, the terminus should be at North-west Cape, and not at Port Darwin. This company has offered to lay a second cable to go from Singapore to Western Australia, for a subsidy of \$45,000 a year, or, failing this, the company will no doubt be ready to lay another cable on the faith of the payment of higher rates for a certain number of years. Whoever of these methods may be found to be workable, it is to be hoped that another misfortune on the Darwin-Banjoewangi line within a few months only will not fail to strengthen the public conviction that, in view of the events in Europe especially, some action ought to be taken without delay."

"Viewed," comments the *Inquirer* on the above, "in connection with the completion of our overland line to the other colonies, the probability of such a cable as that proposed being laid down is, we believe ourselves, very encouraging."—*Straits Times*.

#### Quotations.

HONGKONG, February 14, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$582 1/2 c 585 credit, —

" Old Patna, cash, — None credit, —

" New Benares, cash, 552 1/2 c 555 credit, —

" Old Benares, cash, — None credit, —

" New Malwa, cash, 685 credit, 700

" Alliance Teal, 6 c 12

" Old Malwa, cash, credit, 715

" Alliance Teal, — 64.50

QUICKSILVER, — 64.50

SALT-PETRE, — 6.80 c 6.50

#### Exchange.

Bank, on demand, — 8/10

" 30 days' sight, — 8/10 1/2

" 6 months' sight, — 8/11

Credit, — 8/11 1/2

Documentary, 6 months' sight, — 8/11 1/2

Bombay, demand Rupees, — 238

Calcutta, — 238

Shanghai, demand, — 78 1/2

" 30 days, — 78 1/2

Bar Silver, 17, dwts. 2, — 10 1/2

Sycee, — 10 1/2

Mexicans, — 1 p. 3 p.m.

Gold Loon, — 26.15

English Sovereigns, — 5.08

Australian Sovereigns, — 5.08

Discount, — 6 c to



## Mails.

**U. S. MAIL LINE.**  
Through to NEW YORK, via  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

**THE U. S. Mail Steamer ALASKA**  
will be despatched for San Francisco,  
via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 18th  
Instant, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and  
Freight, for Japan, the United States, and  
Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER  
CENT on regular rates is granted to  
OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,  
and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and  
CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m. of 17th Instant. Parcel Packages  
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1878. feb8

## NOTICE.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;  
Also,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 21st February,  
1878, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. YANGTSE, Commandant RAPATTEL,  
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.  
on the 20th February, 1878. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 9, 1878. feb21

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.**

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL

and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES  
AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be de-  
spatched for San Francisco via Yoko-  
hama, on about FRIDAY, the 1st March,  
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to  
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 28th Instant. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight  
as Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 27, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1878. mol

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

**A. MILLAR & Co.,**  
PLUMBERS, and GAS FITTERS,  
Queen's Road East,  
HONGKONG.

September 18, 1877.

**OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
IN LIQUIDATION.**

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at  
the Rate of FIVE TAELS per  
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of  
record on the 1st October, Payable at the  
Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under-  
signed to Shareholders or their lawful  
representatives on presentation of Share  
Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th  
Instant, inclusive.

By Order,  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was  
admitted a Partner in our Firm on  
the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

## NOTICE.

MR. H. F. MEYERINK has been  
admitted a Partner in our Firm  
from this Date.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878. ap2

## NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY  
was admitted a Partner in our  
Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at  
this Port as a MERCHANT and COM-  
MISSION AGENT, under the Style or  
Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who  
will honorforward conduct the Agency of  
the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, December 29, 1877.

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself  
at this Port as a GENERAL COM-  
MISSION AGENT.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at  
this Port, under the Style or Firm,  
WEST POINT IRON WORKS,  
ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS,  
BY

WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co.,

Late Manager of the NOVELTY IRON WORKS,  
Hongkong.

WM. DUNPHY.

Hongkong, December 10, 1877. jcl0

## To Let.

SMALL GODOWN IN DUNDRELL STREET.  
Apply to  
KYLE & BAIN,  
10 House.

Hongkong, February 7, 1878. mol7

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central,  
with Godown attached.  
House No. 2, Peddar's Hill.  
House No. 2, Seymour Terrace.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

## TO LET.

THE Dwelling House and Office No. 1,  
D'Aguilar Street, lately in the occupa-  
tion of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Three Offices, in Club Chambers.  
The Bungalow No. 1, Old Bailey Street.

Apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 6, 1878.

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE  
CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I,  
A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo.,  
pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D.  
Tubingen.

Price, Two Dollars and a Half.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD  
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs  
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

## INSURANCES.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Saidon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CASH FOR POLICY WHEN

JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.**  
(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein; on  
Cargo in Matched, on Goods on board  
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-  
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

## Insurance.

**YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSO-  
CIATION.**

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....230,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....75,000  
Total Capital and accumula- } Tls. 725,000  
tions this date.

## Directors:

F. H. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
M. W. BORD, Esq. | O. KUBBS, Esq.  
M. P. EVANS, Esq. | C. LUGAS, Esq.

## Secretaries:

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HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and  
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to  
all parts of the World, at current  
rates.

Subject to a charge of 12% for interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS  
of the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS will be  
annually distributed among all Contribu-  
tors of Business in proportion to the  
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877. ocl

**CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)**

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits  
are distributed annually to Contributors,  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premium contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

**ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared  
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

**SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

## Directors.

KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.  
PANG YIN, Merchant.  
HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.  
LOO YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.  
LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.  
CHEUNG SING YONG, Merchant.  
CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on  
BUILDINGS and on GOODS stored  
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. au23

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
OF  
His Majesty King George the Third,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows—  
Marine Department,  
Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department,  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department,  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 25, 1874.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
AND LONDON.**

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai  
and Hankow, are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Albany	Brit.	366	Jan. 27	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Haiphong	K'loon Dock
Amoy	Brit.	876	Jan. 8	Stemmen & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Argyll	Brit.	1271	Feb. 1	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-day
Arratoon Apar	Brit.	1892	Feb. 8	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	To-day
Alaska	Amer.	4011	Feb. 14	P. M. S. S. Co.	Thames & S. F. deco	Malta, 18th
Bertha	Brit.	1421	Jan. 21	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	23rd Inst.
Bombay	Brit.	749	Feb. 12	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Butuan	Spain	638	Jan. 29	Russell & Co.	Manila	K'loon Dock
Camoosa	Brit.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Achong		
Cassandra	Ger.	837	Feb. 8	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Saloon	To-morrow
China	Ger.	648	Feb. 8	Stemmen & Co.	Shanghai	
Cyprien	Brit.	1286	Feb. 1	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Holbow & Halphong	To-morrow
Dale	Brit.	645	Feb. 8	Yuen Fat Hong	Manilla	K'loon Dock
Edinburgh	Brit.	393	Jan. 17	Russell & Co.	Saloon	
Edinburgh	Brit.	1243	Dec. 23	H. Klor & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	1386	Feb. 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	1370	Feb. 13	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	1024	Jan. 26	Wm. Pustau & Co.	S'pore and Penang	To-day
Edinburgh	Brit.	849	Feb. 12	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	331	Feb. 12	Russell & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	1025	Feb. 1	Order		
Edinburgh	Brit.	664	Feb. 1	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	Ab'deen Dock
Edinburgh	Brit.	608	Feb. 12	Kwok Achong	Swatow	Coast Dock
Edinburgh	Brit.	500	Oct. 10	Remedios & Co.		Novally Wm.
Edinburgh	Brit.	731	Feb. 13	Captain		
Edinburgh	Brit.	1201	Jan. 29	H. Klor & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	933	Feb. 9	Yuen Fat Hong		
Edinburgh	Brit.	48	Sept. 19	Insurance Company		
Edinburgh	Brit.	714	Dec. 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Edinburgh	Brit.	1074	Feb. 1	Stemmen & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	1236	Feb. 8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	408	Feb. 11	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	17th daylight
Edinburgh	Brit.	289	Jan. 20	Kwok Achong	Halphong	
Edinburgh	Brit.	842	Dec. 27	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Edinburgh	Brit.	308	Feb. 1	Chinese		
Edinburgh	Brit.	1100	Jan. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	For Sale
Edinburgh	Brit.	328	Sept. 6	Wielor & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	667	Dec. 8	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Manilla	
Edinburgh	Brit.	891	Nov. 14	Carlowitz & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	Coast Dock
Edinburgh	Brit.	447	Jan. 7	Edward Schellhaus & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	752	Jan. 8	Chinese		
Edinburgh	Brit.	1058	Dec. 4	Russell & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	592	Jan. 16	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Hamburg	
Edinburgh	Brit.	628	Feb. 14	Stemmen & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	993	Nov. 26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Edinburgh	Brit.	840	Nov. 25	Melchers & Co.	Chesoo	
Edinburgh	Brit.	841	Jan. 28	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	Tientsin	
Edinburgh	Brit.	894	Jan. 27	Russell & Co.	Newchwang	
Edinburgh	Brit.	1379	Oct. 26	Stemmen & Co.	London	Wanchai Pier
Edinburgh	Brit.	598	Feb. 8	Chinese		
Edinburgh	Brit.	1448	Jan. 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	666	Feb. 4	Chinese		
Edinburgh	Brit.	541	Feb. 1	Chinese		
Edinburgh	Brit.	880	Dec. 24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Edinburgh	Brit.	1168	Feb. 7	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	160	Sept. 25	Insurance Co.		
Edinburgh	Brit.	830	Jan. 31	Meyer & Co.	Newchwang	
Edinburgh	Brit.	818	Jan. 7	Edward Schellhaus & Co.	Kobe	</